

## Don't Forget the Message of Ecclesiastes

#14 The Quest

Ecclesiastes 12: 9-14

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### Reflection Questions

**Monday:** Read the book of Ecclesiastes in one sitting and trace the themes – the quest of Solomon, the vanity/vapor when we see life as gain, enjoy life when seen as a gift, fear God and keep His commands. Remember Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of the longings in Ecclesiastes (John 5:39; Luke 24:44).

**Tuesday:** Read Eccl 1:1-2 and 12:9-11 and summarize the introduction and conclusion. Read John 10 and remember Jesus is our Good Shepherd.

**Wednesday:** Read the “vanity” passages in Eccl 1:2-2:23; 3:9-10; 3:16-4:16; 5:10-17; 6:1-12; 8:10, 14, 17; 9:1-6. Contrast them with Romans 8:18-25. How does this apply to how you live?

**Thursday:** Read the “life is a good gift from God, so enjoy it” passages in Eccl 2:24-26; 3:12-15,22; 5:18-19; 8:15-17; 9:7-9; 10:7-10; 11:9-10. Contrast with James 1:17. How does this apply to your life?

**Friday:** Read the passages that call us to see life as a gift from God who is sovereign (3:11,14), good (2:24-25) and just (3:17; 8:12-13; 11:9; 12:13-14). Filter what you are facing through the grid of God's sovereignty, justice, and goodness fully revealed in Christ.

**Saturday:** Read Luke 2:1-20 and join your church family with a friend on Sunday Dec. 23 and Christmas Eve.